THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed. (*See* below)

(e) Matter has been taken up with the State Government at the level of Chief Minister to ensure that funds are fully utilised. Welfare Ministry also proposes to introduce a system of incentives/disincentives with effect from the financial year 1993-94. The States which do not utilise funds in time in any financial year shall lose the amount of unspent balance out of their due share in the following year. This saving will go as an incentive to the States which do utilise these funds in full within the expected period of time.

Statement

Central funds provided for Special Component Plan for Harijans and Tribal Sub Plans for Bihar

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	SCP Funds released (under CA to SCP)	Funds utilised	TSP Funds released (under SCA) Released	Utilised	Funds released [under Proviso to Article 275(1)] Released	Utilised
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1990-91	2246.01	1425.53	2931.72	1714.064	216.67	NR
1991-92	2197.38	1626.26	3211.19	NR	215.85	NR
1992-93	2096.54	Not reported	3175.25	NR	427.20	NR
1993-94	1238.21	Not reported	1726.01	NR	400.50	NR

(As on date)

N.R.=Not Reported.

Amendmen in reservation clause

4644. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the provisions mentioned in Para 9.2(a) of the brochure of reservation (7th Edition) the promotions of officers cadre in several banks and public undertakings and financial institutions controlled by Central Government under various Ministries and departments are based on selection method and the reservation rules are not applicable thereby denying the promotions to SC/ST officers;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend this clause suitably to help the SC/ST officers in such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) In accordance with Para 9.2(a) contained in the Brochure on Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (7th Edition) and Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 36012/12/88-Estt. (SCT) dated 21-9-1988, there is no reservation in promotion by selection to posts within Group 'A' which carry an ultimate salary of Rs. 5700/- or less in the revised scale of pay. But the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes officers, who are senior enough in the zone of consideration for promotion so as to be within the number of vacancies for which the select

list has to be drawn up, are to be included in that list irrespective of their merit as compared with others, provided they are not considered unfit for promotion. There is, no proposal under consideration of the Government at the moment to amend para 9.2(a) of the Brochure.

Representation from Women's Organisation

4645. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from women's organisations for amendments in law relating to dowry deaths and assaults on women;

(b) if so, the main contents of the representation received;

(c) action being taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, suggestions are received from time to time from various sections of the population for making such laws more effective and the punishments more stringent.

(c) and (d) On the basis of such suggestions and Government's own perceptions, provisions have already been made in the Indian Penal Code under sections 304-B and 498A to curb the menace of dowry deaths and assaults on women. The review of such legal provisions is a continuous process in Government.

Scheme for abolition of manhandling of Night Soil

4646. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for abolition of manhandling of Night Soil;

(b) if so, in how many municipalities of Andhra Pradesh the Scheme is in progress;

(c) what is the total amount earmarked for the same;

(d) at what stage of implementation is the scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) how many scavangers are expected to be relieved during this year; and

(f) what is the percentage in total in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. The Low Cost Sanitation programme for liberation of scavengers to eliminate manual scavenging is being implemented.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh, the scheme is being implemented in 108 municipalities and 2 corporations.

(c) Loan of Rs. 3513.92 lacs and subsidy of Rs. 1396.60 lacs has been sanctioned so far for implementation of this scheme in Andhra Pradesh from 1982-83 to 1992-93.

(d) The State Government has so far utilised Rs. 2861.654 lacs and converted 1,68,728 household dry latrines and 1060 community dry latrines into pour flush water seal latrines.

(e) About 600 scavengers are expected to be liberated during 1993-94.

(f) In the absence of precise estimates about the total number of scavangers in the State, the percentage cannot be given.